

Reading 2007, Grade 8

Reading Composite

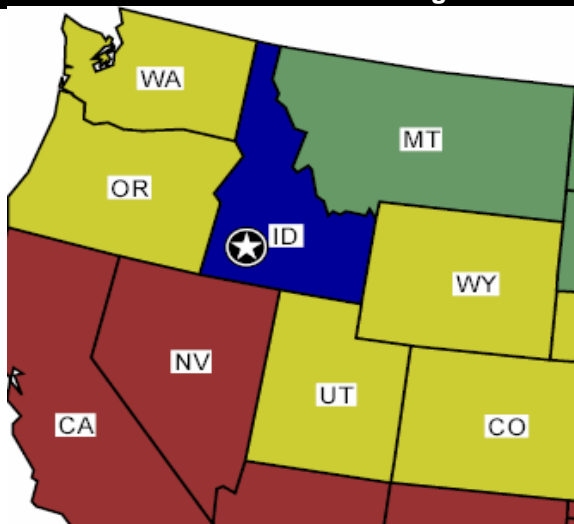


Idaho NAEP Snapshot

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The Reading assessment of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) used multiple-choice and constructed-response questions to examine comprehension in three contexts: Reading for Literary Experience, to Be Informed, and to Perform a Task. The reading scale scores ranged from 0 to 500, where 243 is *Basic* (meets 8th grade expectations), 281 is *Proficient*, and 323 is *Advanced*.

Reading in the Northwest (Average Scale Score)



Legend: Idaho (blue) is the focal state. States in green scored significantly higher than Idaho. States in yellow were not statistically different from Idaho. States in red scored significantly lower than Idaho.

- ◆ In 2007, the average reading scale score for 8th grade students in Idaho was 265. This was higher than that of students across the nation (261).
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had a higher average scale score on the 2007 reading assessment than their peers in Nevada.
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had an average reading scale score in 2007 that was not different from their peers in Washington, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.
- ◆ Idaho 8th graders had a lower average reading scale score in 2007 than their peers in Montana.

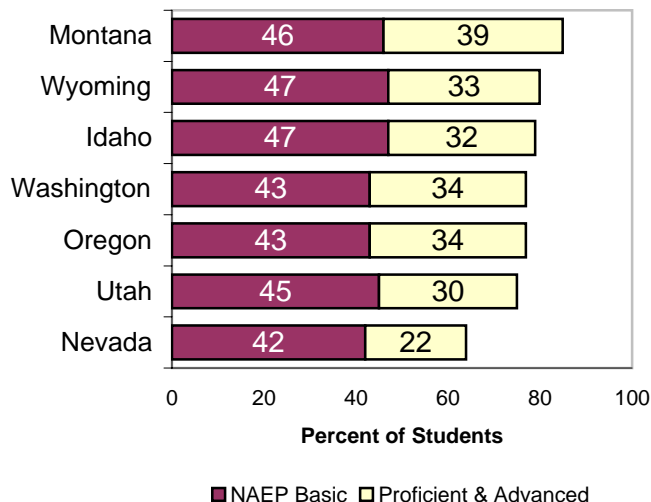
Percentage at NAEP Reading Achievement Levels

◆ Seventy-eight (78) percent of Idaho 8th grade students scored at or above *Basic* on the 2007 reading assessment. This was higher than the nation's 73 percent.

◆ Idaho had a higher percentage of 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* on the 2007 reading assessment than their peers in Utah and Nevada.

◆ The percentage of Idaho 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* in 2007 was not different from Wyoming, Washington and Oregon.

◆ Idaho had a lower percentage of 8th graders scoring at or above *Basic* on the 2007 reading assessment than Montana.



Comparisons are based on statistical tests (.05 level) that consider magnitude of difference and standard errors.
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